— VSNL's customer services are well appreciated at all centers from where these have been provided.

Clearance of Proposals pending with World Bank

688. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged World Bank to clear all the pending proposals relating to the development of roads and power in the country;

(b) if so, the details of pending projects sought to be cleared by the World Bank;

(c) whether the World Bank has agreed to clear all the pending projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of the pending projects with the World Bank is as under:

	in US $ m n.
1. Powergrid-II	450.00
2. IREDA Renewable Energy	130.00
3. Haryana State Highway	275.00
4. State Highway (Gujarat)	381.00

(c) and (d) Processing of projects by the World Bank management continues. However, since May 98, a majority of the Executive Board of the Bank has not been generally supporting projects, which are not considered by them as addressing basic human needs. Despite this due to the efforts of the World Bank management and the Government of India, the Board has since then, approved projects like the AP Power Restructuring Project.

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